

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 23, 2009**

DOCKET ITEM: 6

ISSUE: Consideration of a request on the west side of the 300 block of South Reynolds Street to remove one parking space on each side of the first EOS-21 Condominium driveway south of Duke Street.

APPLICANT: Armstrong Management Service, Inc

LOCATION: 300 block South Reynolds Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the request.

DISCUSSION: This request was submitted by the Armstrong Management Service, Inc, the management company for the EOS-21 Condominium on 16 South Van Dorn Street. Vehicles are parking close to the edge of the condominium driveway obstructing the visibility of motorist exiting the complex onto South Reynolds Street. The Alexandria Police Department have been called and have issue parking violations to no avail - the problem still exist. The proposed restrictions will help alleviate the problem.

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DOCKET ITEM: 7A

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to change the unit block of King Street from two-way operation to one-way westbound.

APPLICANT: Motorcoach Tack Force

LOCATION: Unit block King Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of this request.

DISCUSSION: Traffic congestion is particularly heavy in the unit block of King Street because of the shortness of the block and the number of competing uses. The heavy pedestrian and bicycle activity along with the Old Town Trolley layover, the horse carriage layover, regular automobile traffic and motor coach activity combine together to create congestion. The Alexandria Police Department (APD) currently provides two officers on Friday and Saturday night to monitor traffic and ensure safe, efficient flow on lower King Street. When the officers are present, the street is temporarily converted to one-way operation.

Based on recommendations by the APD, considerations in meetings and site visits, the Ad Hoc motor coach Task Force recommends the unit block of King Street be converted to one-way westbound operation permanently. The Task Force believes this will allow for safer, more effective traffic management, especially given the presence of the King Street Trolley and many pedestrians, motorists and bicyclists. Under this plan, King Street may serve as a primary egress route for motor coach's and could also provide a primary after-hours route.

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DOCKET ITEM: **7B**

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove 26 parking spaces on the south side of Jamieson Avenue between Holland Lane and South West Street and install Motorcoach Parking signs 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m..

APPLICANT: Motorcoach Tack Force

LOCATION: Jamieson Avenue between Holland Lane and South West Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of this request.

DISCUSSION: The purpose of this request is to establish new tour bus parking on Jamieson Avenue. The Old Town area is experiencing an increase in traffic congestion and is attempting to make on-street parking more efficient to users. This section of Jamieson Avenue has Two-Hour parking restrictions from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays to help facilitate parking turn-over. Tour Bus parking demand is very high and one of the goals of this request is to reduce traffic congestion throughout King Street by removing tour buses from local streets and placing them in a short term parking area.

The City is requesting to remove 26 parking spaces on the south side of Jamieson Avenue to create 10 seasonal tour bus parking spaces and add seasonal tour bus parking signage. The 26 parking spaces must be removed to ensure the tour buses have adequate space to load and unload passengers, the area must be handicapped accessible and to allow the bus to get out of the travel-way when loading and unloading passengers. The City can determine during non-touring season to allow the 26 parking spaces to return.

The full Task Force report as presented to City Council on February 24 can be found here >> <http://dockets.alexandriava.gov/fy09/022409rm/di20.pdf>

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DOCKET ITEM: 7C

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to:

1. Remove 6 existing parking meter spaces on the west side of North Washington Street south of Cameron Street and install 30-Minute Motorcoach Loading/Unloaded signs.
2. Relocate the existing Dash bus stop on the east side of the 100 block of South Washington Street 20 feet and designate 100 feet for 30-minute motorcoach loading/unloading.

APPLICANT: Motorcoach Tack Force

LOCATION: 100 blocks North and South Washington Street.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of this request.

DISCUSSION: This request seeks to establish tour bus parking at the 100 blocks of North and South Washington Street. The section of North Washington Street where parking would be removed is controlled by metered parking to help facilitate parking turn-over and the outermost lanes are used as HOV lanes during peak hour traffic. The section of South Washington Street proposed for tour bus parking is currently signed “No Parking” because of the presence of a MetroBus and DASH stop.

The Task Force determined that Alexandria needs more unloading and loading areas on arterial streets – especially Washington Street – to help reduce the frequency of motor coach traffic on local streets, especially in the Old & Historic District. New unloading/loading areas east of Washington Street were considered undesirable because of the potential for increased traffic through residential streets to access the locations. Designating additional 30-minute unloading/loading spaces in the 100 blocks of North and South Washington Street is intended to support heavy northbound and southbound motor coach traffic, especially during peak season when the number of buses passing through Alexandria can exceed 100 per day.

Parking in the proposed locations on Washington Street is intended to provide access to popular destinations including Christ Church and The Lyceum. More importantly, however, by adding the drop-off and pick-up locations at the intersection of King and Washington streets the Task Force seeks to encourage multi-modal transportation options, especially walking and the use of the King Street Trolley.

